IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of: HOJO, Hisakazu et al.

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FOR: INORGANIC PARTICLES-CONTAINING ADDITIVE COMPOSITION, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF AND FOOD COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE ADDITIVE COMPOSITION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 18, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 18, 2004**, extended to **August 18, 2004** by a **three**-month Petition for Extension of Time, the following remarks are respectfully submitted:

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